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BETTINA GIRARD'S LITTLE DAUGHTER.

Orphans' Court Grants Petition for an Additional One Thousand a Year for the Child.

UNDER GRANDMOTHER'S CARE.

Fortune Left by Arthur Padelford Will Not Be Wasted. Though His Daughter Will Have Every Comfort.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The only child of Bettina Girard and Arthur Padelford has in this income that is all her own. Her father died in Paris in 1886, leaving his little daughter enough wealth to support and educate her as she should be. The annual allowance of the child has just been increased \$1,000 a year under a decree granted by Judge Penrose of the Orphans' Court.

Valerie, who is the daughter of Bettina Girard, the actress and divorced wife of Padelford, is now in her fourteenth year, resides with her grandmother, Mrs. Missouri R. Ordway, the widow of General Albert Ordway, in Washington, and the grandmother is also the guardian of her person.

The Land Title and Trust Company of Philadelphia is guardian of the child's estate, which amounts to \$10,000, and yields an income of about \$1,200 a year.

In June, 1887, the Court ordered the guardian of the estate to pay to the guardian of the person of the child \$1,000 per annum for the payment of paying the rent of the property 1540 M street, Washington, in which the parties reside.

It was stated in the petition for increase that at the time the original allowance of \$1,000 per annum was made the minor was living with her grandmother, who was in receipt of an income of approximately \$3,000 per year. He has supported Valerie from her birth.

It was related that upon the death of General Ordway it was found that he had left no means after payment of his debts; that the small income of Mrs. Ordway is inadequate to provide a home for the child as desired.

PURIFICATION OF PARIS.

Police of That City Have Made 987 Arrests in Two Nights.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The purification of Paris by the police continues. During the last two nights 987 arrests were made. A few of the prisoners were released.

Fountain Pens.

GOLD PENS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
Gold Pens in Gold, Ebony and Pearl Holders,
Stap. Paul, E. Wm. Swan, Parker and Water
man Fountain Pens, 51c up.
GOLD PENS.

COLBY'S GOLD PEN STORE,
20 N. Fourth St. (Opp. Court House.)

SPECIALTIES.

THAT'S IT.
The High-Grade, Fair-Price
BAKING POWDER...
JACK FROST
A Full Pound Can, 25 Cents.
Your Grace recommends Jack Frost!

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES, per year,
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRUST COMPANY.
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DEATHS.

CONN.—Friday, Dec. 14, 1899, at Janette M. Conn, in the eighty-first year of age, Brooklyn, N. Y., papers please copy.

PANNING—Hansen, Panning, Mrs. Kennedy, mother of the late Laurence Panning and our dear son, died yesterday Friday, December 14, at 12 m. at 422 West 11th Street, New York. Her family residence, No. 250 St. Louis avenue, Monday, December 15, at 8:30 a.m., to Sacred Heart Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends particularly invited to attend. Please omit flowers.

PROSKAUER—On Thursday, December 14, 1900, at 4:20 p.m., Philip Proskauer, beloved husband of Julia (nee Kovitz), his dear father, passed away in his 71st year, at No. 428 West 11th Street, New York, papers please copy.

FUR-SKIN DRESSER TO KINGS, EMPERORS, LORDS AND DUKES.

Prussian Bachelor. Living in a Dingy Room in Chicago. Has Fame on Two Continents.



THE OLD SKIN DRESSER AND HIS WORKSHOP.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.—Chicago, Dec. 15.—George Hofer, the skin dresser to Kings and Emperors, Lords and millionaires, lives with his three dogs in a dingy, gloomy little room in the rear of No. 420 North Ashland avenue in this city.

His little shop, 15x9 feet in size, is seven skins of valuable value stored in the rear of the shop, and the rest of the room is filled with the skins of all kinds, according to Hofer, excepting the real chinchilla, which is so valuable that it requires a separate room to keep him, and the skins of a fox, a marten, come boxes of skins to be dressed by this little German living in an obscure part of this city.

The dressings of the skins for the coming-out cloak of John Wanamaker's daughter upon the occasion of her entrance into society were done by Hofer. The skins were those of the sable and marten, which are the most valuable of all the skins, according to Hofer.

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